

## Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

August 12<sup>th</sup>, 1887.

Hon Lane M. Fox

Supt U. S. Mint

Eagles Mine, Pa.

My dear Sir:

Yours of the 10<sup>th</sup> received this morning. Your timely and effective letter to the Architects has got them up standing. Now that it is realized that you are behind me, I can make progress. There were some conferences and talk yesterday, but this morning Mr Sellers and Mr Darrach have had a consultation in the Mint that meant business and the upshot is that the latter has finally agreed to Mr Sellers' proposition to substitute belting in a modified form for the heavy beveled cogwheel gearing that deprives us of the weighing machines. Those cogwheels are firmly fastened under the north end of the coining room



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I do not know when Mr Lobo expects to return or where he is, but I hope he will stay out his full time for he was a very sick man when he left. Mr Helmbold is off on his vacation. Mr M Comas (the storkeeper) has returned.

The Mint Bureau keeps piling up Clerical work for us, but that seems to be the special purpose for which it was created. We received Hood in redeemed tickets this morning from the Asst Treas. in this city, said to be by orders from Washington, but without any notice to you from any quarter. Preston telegraphed some days ago to return all N.Y. city orders for one cent pieces and that they would be filled by the N.Y. Sub Treasury; but our correspondents failed to get them and I have asked Preston for further instructions. So we go.

Very truly Yours

I may meet you again today

H. C. Wicksteed  
12:15 P.M.



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